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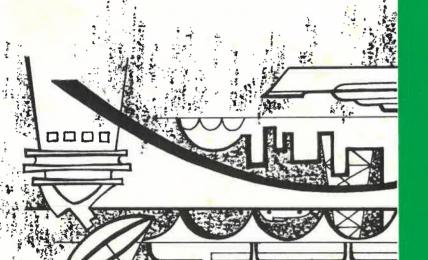
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## **EDITORIAL**

the life and witness of our Church. we are to make the best possible contribution in

and our Officers in the months ahead. will occupy the thinking and prayers of our Board the Society's work. All these important matters of the recruitment of personnel and the pattern of need for a re-appraisal of our training programme, our recent Conference, we see more clearly the As we look to the future from the experience of

prayer list and distribute it to all Officers. cer immediately offered to produce this monthly known. Another encouragement was that an Offiprayer requests of Officers as they make them be produced. This will comprise the praise and other and our work, a monthly prayer list would addition to our normal pattern of prayer for each was so strongly telt that it was decided, that in throughout the country. However the need for this cult to achieve when we are scattered in our work fellowship together in prayer. This may seem diffifrom our discussions was a desire for a closer One of the very encouraging things which came

there have been quite a number of new appoint-The list is kept up to date and you will notice that you may pray for us in our various work situations. Officers on page eleven. This is supplied so that for tail and so I draw your attention to the list of Prayer seems to be the right note on which to

in their prayers. are many fellow-christians upholding us continually service and the more so because we know there We look confidently to the future in our Lord's ments recorded since the last issue of the magazine.

> is that what has been said and discussed so tangible results to be seen. The greatest danger time after the event is over, there will be no sion, there is always the possibility that a short how good the speakers or stimulating the discus-When a conference or seminar is held, no matter

earnestly will have been forgotten.

refresh our memories in the days to come. complete Conference Report will be available to sessions were recorded on tape, eventually a we were most grateful. As all the Conference wealth of their experience and learning. For this sented us with some invaluable material from the Staff Conference and the speakers certainly pre-From the 26th to the 30th January we held our

presented to us and from our discussions. see if we really learnt anything from all that was years between now and our next conference, to Now the acid test will be over the next two

and will be only gradually revealed. The larger portion is hidden from immediate view only about one eighth appears above the surface. can be likened in a sense to an ice-berg of which Perhaps the results of such a conference as ours

study and particularly for the obtaining of specialyounger officers, the need for continued and regular Also it emphasized to many of us, especially the and this must have its influence upon us for good. aud purpose as a Society was greatly strengthened directions, for instance, I believe our sense of unity I am quite sure of immediate results in certain

ist qualifications and skills. This seems essential if

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in which Pontius Pilate found himself (John 18. 38). (John 8. 32). This was the uncomfortable position it. We have to be prepared to know the truth

".mobest treetest is perfect freedom." our prayers makes this clear when, speaking about his true self, and thus experiences freedom. One of Himself. So it is in finding God, that a man finds show us the truth—that God has made man for came to demonstrate the way to god. He came to to be the very personification of it (John 14. 6). He And what is the truth? Christ declared himself

### Freedom Regained

power of selfishness (mammon) and is freed for is all about. Man is set free from the overwhelming in order to rescue mankind: that is what the Cross 15. 16). Christ had to enter Mammon's stronghold it, God always finds him (see for example John unaided does not find God: actually, if man allows The Gospel story also makes it clear that man

the truth (John 16. 13). so the work of the Holy Spirit is to lead us into all What is more, man unaided will fall again, and

communion with God-recognizing his rule-(2 We only have liberty then when we are in

Cor. 3. 17-"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there

This is a great emancipating message, so great is liberty").

the glory of the children of God." (Romans 8.21). from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of with us. "The creation itself also shall be delivered that even creation itself can eventually share it

afraid to have our own. freedom, but, like Israel in the desert, even more (like Egypt of old) afraid to let others have their so many men run away from it; we are always today is both revolutionary and daring. That's why Daring, you say? Yes, very: but the Gospel for

"Spearhead," and is gratefully acknowledged). printed in the English Church Army's magazine, (This article is the second of a series originally

> either of which is a larger missing link than in the "law" or a misunderstanding of "wal" ent ni valence of "lawlessness" either means a deficiency pulsory "Maths" up to a certain age. But the prethey propose to supply the missing link by comso-called "scientific" and "technological" age), so than science (a strange reflection in itself in this because students choose the social services rather system. The Government is at present worried an essential missing element in our educational very deeply or very well: or perhaps this indicates be demonstrating that they have not yet learned lation so often using violence in revolts, may in fact

## Man's Choice

.Waths."

worldliness, avarice. (Matt. 6. 24). ters—God, or what the Bible calls "mammon," i.e. "liberty." Man has the choice between two masvery clearly that we cannot have absolute would have been inevitable. So we are informed greater than ever in his boyhood "free" days, but obviously if he stayed at home, responsibilities (v. 19). Actually the loving father feasted him: home, "make me as one of thy hired servants." but self-respect and freedom. So he decided to go to obtain "freedom": but lost not only his money, The "prodigal son" (Luke 15. 11 to end) ran away The Gospel for today is eventually very blunt.

etc.). This is an experience we have again and wanted to get back to slavery once more (Ex. 16.3 mad and complained about the hardships and were "free" out in the desert they mouned like Egypt wanted. Mark you, when they got it and in Eden. It was certainly what captive Israel in "freedom." This was evidently what Adam wanted The whole Bible story seems centred around

## Facing Truth

dom," and we have to face facts in order to have that it stands for. He knew we need "inner free-Christ came to free us from "mammon" and all

NEEDS: As a voluntary Society we natur-

supplies of Bed Linen and general Household Linen. just two items, we are greatly in need of new gradually as funds become available. To mention amount of equipment which we can only obtain the Training College is in need of a considerable supporters may feel able to supply. For instance, there are also material needs which some of our notice below emphasizes one of the greatest. But ally have many needs. The

large or small, as they can be sold and so help Stamps and we are glad to receive any quantities, hold goods. Some people kindly send us Used Tea Coupons these could be exchanged for house-If any of our friends would like to send us their

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ness to give truly dedicated Christian call, qualities of leadership and a willingbasic education, a realisation of God's social work. Qualifications are—a good Australia to train for evangelistic and communicant members of the C. of E. in The Church Army needs Men and Women

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> THE QUEEN: to learn that the Chief Secre-CHAPLAIN TO Last year we were delighted

> Queen. It is true to say that the world wide work been appointed a Chaplain to Her Majesty the England, the Rev. Prebendary D. M. Lynch, had tary of the Church Army in

> Although it is too early to announce any details .tnəmtnioqqp of the Church Army has been honoured by the

> Societies here and in New Zealand. Eastern Africa and then come on to visit the 1971, He plans to visit the Church Army in Lynch for about the first two weeks of February, we are looking forward to a visit by Prebendary

## ADMITTED AND COMMISSIONED:



Area and Captain Tobin to St. Luke's, Junee. It is a great occasion for an Army when it is

on the staff of the Whalan/Tregear New Housing their first appointments-Captain Fernance to serve ed the Staff Conference after which they went to them as Officers of the Church Army. Then followlege Chapel the Federal Secretary Commissioned next day at a special service in the Training Col-Evangelist, Michael Tobin and Les Fernance. The Sydney, the Primate admitted to the Office of service of Evening Prayer in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Army when on Sunday the 25th January, at the and equipped soldiers. This was so for the Church strengthened for battle by the addition of trained

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News of his love to those whom I'm sent to serve.

refreshment, fellowship and friendship. more. To me it was also a time of renewal, Church Army Conference was all of this and a lot way you would be right and I know that our sharing different points of view. If you think this

for whom Christ died. is facing, in seeking for, and dealing with, those and understanding of the problems that our Church us to realise how important it is to seek knowledge sessions, together with the discussion times, brought renewed faith in Him whom we seek to serve. The economically, socially, and challenged us all to awareness of the situation of the world, politically, the minds of all of us. They brought us to a new scene, provoking much thought and questions in in the 70's. The speakers who came to us set the was aptly chosen as we face the challenges of life The Conterence theme "STRATEGY FOR THE 70's"

Lord's Table as a family to be renewed spiritually. were a real blessing and brought us around our gently. The Communion Services each morning that we can pray for one another more intelliout to all Officers giving special prayer points so I am pleased that a monthly prayer sheet will go freshly aware of each other's situations and needs. of tremendous value, in that we all were made whilst in session and while talking informally was The sharing of experiences between one another

being made in this direction. I thank God that I specialist qualifications and that plans are now of Officers, are well aware of the need for for directing the Church Army and for the training us to continue as Christ's faithful soldiers and was good to hear that those who are responsible devotion and fellowship to enrich us and enable great need for further training in special fields. It Conference—wonderful memories of challenge, I came away from the Conference realising the

am privileged to serve Him and to bring the Good

lems, trying to find answers to questions and hard work, deciding on strategies, discussing prob-A Staff Conference may seem to many a time of

servants within the service of the Church Army.

perienced in laughter around the meal table,

humour played their natural part, and were ex-

of the Christian, while individual Officers led the

daily with us in a study of the warfare and armour

ing our time together. The Rev. L. J. Harris shared

the wonderful family spirit experienced by us dur-

their work and experiences, and all this added to

of our Society, while other Officers also spoke of

shared with us his vision and plans for the future

to cope with the problems and tensions of life.

"rat race" of living, often bewildered and unable

world grown weary of war, racial hatred and the

ness, as the unique and marvellous solution to a

pel, the Good News of Christ's love and forgive-

spiritual and human needs in presenting the Gos-

Society and as individuals was to meet man's basic

deeply with the needs of young people who are

Chaplain, told us of his work and challenged us

commands. The Rev. R. Fowler, a Child Welfare

to the world and how it endeavours to fulfil Christ's

with the present position of the Church in relation

Australian Council of Churches, ably presented us

The Rev. M. C. Harcourt-Norton, formerly with the

The challenge thrown before us, both as a

Throughout the Conference our Federal Secretary

times of Prayer and Praise each evening.

As with all family reunions, fellowship and

afternoon walks and talks.

Jesus Christ is the answer.

committed to Training Centres.

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